Project Report (DPR) by NHAI. It is too early to indicate time-frame for upgradation of these sections.

Regarding four-laning of the Jhalawar-MP border section of NH 12, this section is not included under NHDP Phase III.

Recovery of toll tax

2199. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of recovery of amount with interest spent on continuation of Banas bridge on National Highway No. 12 and proximity of toll plaza at R.O.B. Kishangarh along National Highway No. 8 the Government of Rajasthan has requested to discontinue the recovery of toll tax; and

(b) if so, by when the said recovery would be discontinued and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter regarding discontinuation of toll collection on Banas bridge at km. 89 on National Highway No. 12 is under consideration as per National Highways Act. Decision in this regard is likely to be taken soon. Regarding discontinuing of toll collection at ROB Kishangarh at km 368.020 of National Highway No. 8 it has not been agreed to as per National Highways Act. State Government has been informed accordingly on 13th April, 2006.

Special team of road marshals

2200. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway Authority of India is planning to set up a special team of road marshals to ensure round the clock surveillance of the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this team would ensure smooth traffic flow and timely report on accidents and road maintenance needs etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway is being implemented on Build, Operate and Transfer basis. As per the terms of the Concession Agreement, the Operations and Maintenance of the Expressway as per the standards provided in the agreement is also the responsibility of the Concessionaire. The mechanism for operation and maintenance to take care of smooth traffic flow, timely report on accidents and road maintenance on Expressway would be worked out by the concessionaire.

Road accidents in Tamil Nadu

2201. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of casualties in road accidents in Tamil Nadu is high;

(b) the data of road accident deaths reported in Tamil Nadu during the last five years; and

(c) the details regarding the Centre's assistance extended to Tamil Nadu to check the road accidents during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) As reported by the Government of Tamil Nadu, the details regarding number of persons killed in road accidents during the years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 (the latest available data) are as under:—

Year	No. of persons killed
2000	9300
2001	9571
2002	9939
2003	9275
2004 (Provisional)	9507